

## XVIII. NATIONAL RIVERS

**1. Buffalo**

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PUBLIC LAW 102-258—MAR. 19, 1992

**Public Law 102-258**  
**102d Congress****An Act**

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Mar. 19, 1992  
[S. 996]

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to terminate a reservation of use and occupancy at the Buffalo National River, and for other purposes.

Harold Hedges.  
Margaret  
Hedges.*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,***SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

The Congress finds that—

(1) in 1979 Harold and Margaret Hedges conveyed approximately 711 acres, including a homesite, to the National Park Service for addition to the Buffalo National River;

(2) Mr. and Mrs. Hedges retained a reservation of use and occupancy for a term of twenty-five years for use of their home and approximately forty-two acres of adjacent land;

(3) on January 1, 1991, the house was destroyed by fire, apparently caused by arson;

(4) Mr. and Mrs. Hedges are now unable to use the remaining term of their use and occupancy reservation, without incurring extraordinary costs and expenses; and

(5) the most equitable resolution is to provide for the termination of their use and occupancy reservation, with an appropriate refund of the unused portion of the value of the reservation.

**SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this Act, the term—

(1) “reservation” or “reservation of use and occupancy” means the reservation of use and occupancy retained by Harold and Margaret Hedges, pursuant to Buffalo National River Deed 922, including tracts 66-104, 66-111, and 66-112, executed on October 25, 1979, and valued at \$19,148;

(2) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior; and

(3) “unused term” means the period of time between January 1, 1991, and October 25, 2004, inclusive.

**SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF RESERVATION OF USE AND OCCUPANCY.**(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Upon application by Harold and Margaret Hedges of Harrison, Arkansas, the Secretary is authorized and directed to terminate the reservation of use and occupancy at the Buffalo National River described in section 2.

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(b) REFUND.—Upon termination of such reservation, the Secretary shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law, refund the value of the unused term of such reservation, determined on a pro rata basis.

## SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Approved March 19, 1992.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 996:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 102-448 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 102-120 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Vol. 137 (1991): July 31, considered and passed Senate.

Vol. 138 (1992): Mar. 3, considered and passed House.

## 2. Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

106 STAT. 3438

PUBLIC LAW 102-525—OCT. 26, 1992

Public Law 102-525  
102d Congress

### An Act

Oct. 26, 1992 To provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National  
[S. 2890] Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes.

Civil rights. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
United States of America in Congress assembled,*

106 STAT. 3441

### TITLE III—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

#### SEC. 302. MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL RIVER AND RECREATION AREA.

Section 703(i) of the Act of November 18, 1988 entitled “An Act to provide for the designation and conservation of certain lands in the States of Arizona and Idaho, and for other purposes” (Public Law 100-696; 102 Stat. 4602; 16 U.S.C. 460zz-2) is amended by striking “3 years after enactment of this Act” and inserting “3 years after appointment of the full membership of the Commission”.

106 STAT. 3442

Approved October 26, 1992.

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2890 (H.R. 5484):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 102-1038 accompanying H.R. 5484 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 102-468 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 138 (1992):

Oct. 1, considered and passed Senate.

Oct. 4, 5, considered and passed House, amended.

Oct. 8, Senate concurred in House amendment.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 28 (1992):

Oct. 26, Presidential statement.

**3. New River Gorge**

PUBLIC LAW 102-154—NOV. 13, 1991

105 STAT. 990

Public Law 102-154  
102d Congress**An Act**

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes.

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Nov. 13, 1991  
[H.R. 2686]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes, namely:

Department of  
the Interior and  
Related  
Agencies  
Appropriations  
Act, 1992.

## TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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## OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

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. . . *Provided further,* That notwithstanding any other provision of law, hereafter the National Park Service may make road improvements for the purpose of public safety on Route 25 in New River Gorge National River between the towns of Glen Jean and Thurmond: . . .

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105 STAT. 1037

Approved November 13, 1991.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2686:**

HOUSE REPORTS: Nos. 102-116 (Comm. on Appropriations) and 102-256 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 102-122 (Comm. on Appropriations).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 137 (1991):

June 24, 25, considered and passed House.

Sept. 12, 13, 16-19, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Oct. 24, House agreed to conference report; receded and concurred in certain Senate amendments, in others with amendments; and disagreed to others.

Oct. 30, 31, Senate agreed to conference report; receded and concurred in certain House amendments, in another with an amendment.

Nov. 1, House disagreed to Senate amendment. Senate receded and concurred in House amendment.

